

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**VAVRS, Oilville, Virginia**  
**July 13, 2005**  
**1030**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Randy Abernathy Kathy Eubank Billy Altman Linda Johnson Nick Klimenko Jeff Reynolds Holly Frost Dave Cullen Sabina Braithwaite, M.D.	Donna Helmick	Steve Puckett Warren Short Chad Blosser Michael Berg	Greg Neiman Deborah Akers Lisa Clapp

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<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Meeting called to order by Chairman Randy Abernathy at 10:32</b>	
<b>Introductions</b>	<b>Committee members, staff and guest introduced themselves</b>	
<b>Review/Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Minutes of April 6, 2005 minutes reviewed and discussed</b>	<b>Minutes accepted with the following correction: Dr. Sabina Braithwaite asked that it be noted that she was not present for the vote on the Training Agenda for the Future – Noted for the record</b>
<b>National Scope of Practice</b>	<b>Randy Abernathy gave a briefing on the National Scope of Practice Committee meeting. Representatives from the Professional Development Committee met with the NSOP committee to reinforce the fact that inclusion of the Intermediate-99 certification level is strongly encouraged by Virginia. Linda Johnson was a member of the workshop and reported that it was clear that the I-99 issue was not important to the NSOP Committee. They will meet next month to finalize report on the National Standards. The Advanced EMT level proposed by the committee is simply an EMT that is allowed additional skills and does not approach the level of the Intermediate. The proposed SOP reduces the number of levels from the Agenda for the Future.</b>	<b>No Action Required</b>
<b>NREMT Computer Based Testing</b>	<b>Tom Nevetral reported that the National Registry written testing will be computer based as of January 1, 2007. The testing will be provided through the Pearson Vue network and currently 5 sites have been identified in Virginia.. The cost to candidates will be \$100.00 for the Intermediate test and \$110.00 for the Paramedic exam. The number of available test stations varies with each site and each site will set the hours of testing. The practical exam will not change and must be completed prior to taking the written exam.</b>	<b>Information item – No action</b>

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Education for the Future - Update	Warren Short reported on the status of the Education for the Future as proposed by the Division of Education and Development. The proposal was presented to the Governor's EMS Advisory Board at their last meeting with favorable results and the division is moving forward with implementation of the agenda.	Additional updates will be made to the committee as changes occur.
EMT-B Distance Education Proposal from CSEMS	<p>Mr. Paul Klein presented copies of and a briefing on a proposed EMT-Basic Program in Bath and Highland counties via Distance Education utilizing High School Computer Labs. The didactic portion of the course would be taught on Thursday and Friday from Shepard College in West Virginia with the practical aspect of the course being taught on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the respective schools utilizing an OEMS approved instructor. The course would be taught to the National Registry Standards. Highland County has required that all students take the certification exam to complete the course. Bath County is expected to make the same requirement, but has not as of this date. The course would start in August 2005 and run for two semesters.</p> <p>The committee discussed the proposal with a recommendation to Mr. Klein that the program be presented as a Pilot Program to be evaluated.</p>	<p>Motion made that the committee accept the concept with more work and research required by OEMS.</p> <p>Motion: Nick Klimenko Second: Kathy Eubank Aye: 9, Nay: 0, A: 0</p>
Accreditation Standards for EMT-Basic & Enhanced Programs	Warren Short presented proposed accreditation standards for EMT-Basic & Enhanced Programs. The accreditation standards would place the responsibility for insuring component instructors to the program and allow better oversight of conducted programs. The process would require the use of dual methods of processing courses initially with the accreditation being phased in over a period of time. The committee was asked to review the proposed standards and forward comments to the Division of Education and Development.	<p>Electronic copies of the proposed standards emailed to committee members.</p> <p>Members to review the proposed standards and forward comments and concerns to Chad Blosser prior to the next meeting.</p>
High School Based EMT-Basic Program Update	Steve Puckett reported on the status of the High School Based EMT-Basic Committee. The committee has meet several times since April and a proposed High School EMT-Basic Program Requirements was presented to the committee for review and comment. It was requested that the committee review the proposed requirements and forward comments to Steve Puckett by August 1 <sup>st</sup> .	<p>Electronic copies of eh proposed requirements emailed to committee members.</p> <p>Members to review and forward comments/concerns to Steve Puckett by August 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>
Status of TPAM Update	Warren Short reported that the Professional Development Committee, Medical Direction Committee and the State Medical Advisory Board had approved the new proposed Training Programs Administration Manual. The manual must now go through the public review (NORA0 process and additional information would be available at the next meeting.	Informational – No Action
Old Business	None	
New Business	Problems with the availability of Ride Along's for students were discussed. The availability is becoming a problem for the students to complete the required number of hours needed to meet the requirements of certification programs. The differing requirements of agencies is also	A committee consisting of Linda Johnson, Kathy Eubank and Billy Altman was appointed to research

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	<b>presenting a problem.</b>	<b>the problems and present at the next meeting.</b>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>None</b>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>VAVRS Headquarters- October 12, 2005 at 10:30am</b>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Meeting adjourned at 1:51pm</b>	